

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2, 11, 24-26, 29 and 34 as indicated below.

A listing of all claims is as follows:

1. Canceled.
2. (Currently Amended) A medical device for retaining an end of a tube, wherein the medical device comprises:
 - a base comprising an upper surface, a lower surface, and an opening for receiving said tube, said base comprising a first locking base feature;
 - a stem comprising a bottom portion insertable into the end of said tube, wherein when said medical device is in an assembled configuration, said bottom portion of said stem is placed into the end of said tube, said tube is placed into said opening in said base, and said bottom portion of said stem projects toward said lower surface of said base; and
 - a first tab movable with respect to said base for compressing the tube, said first tab comprising a first locking tab feature;
 - wherein said first locking tab feature is engagable with said first locking base feature to hold the first tab in a fixed position with respect to the base.
3. (Original) The medical device of claim 2, wherein
 - said first locking base feature comprises a first plurality of teeth on said base; and
 - said plurality of teeth on said base are engagable with said first locking tab feature.

4. (Original) The medical device of claim 2, wherein
- said first locking tab feature comprises a plurality of teeth on said first tab; and
- said plurality of teeth on said first tab are engagable with said first locking base feature.
5. (Original) The medical device of claim 2, wherein
- said first locking base feature comprises a locking opening in said base;
- said first locking tab feature comprises a locking member extending from said first tab; and
- said locking member is engagable with said locking opening.
6. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 2, wherein said first tab comprises a first tube compression member, and when said first locking tab feature is engaged with said first locking base feature, said first tube compression member comes into contact with said tube.
- 7.-10. Canceled.
11. (Currently Amended) ~~The medical device of claim 2, further comprising~~ A medical device for retaining an end of a tube, wherein the medical device comprises:
- a base for receiving said tube, said base comprising a first locking base feature and a second locking base feature;
- a first tab movable with respect to said base for compressing the tube, said first tab comprising a first locking tab feature, wherein said first locking tab feature is engagable with said first locking base feature to hold the first tab in a fixed position with respect to the base; and

a second tab movable with respect to said base for compressing the tube, ~~wherein~~
said second tab ~~comprises~~ comprising a second locking tab feature, ~~and wherein said base~~
~~comprises a second locking base feature~~; wherein said second locking tab feature is
engagable with said second locking base feature to hold the second tab in a fixed position
with respect to the base.

12. (Original) The medical device of claim 11, wherein

said second locking base feature comprises a second plurality of teeth on said
base; and

said second plurality of teeth on said base are engagable with said second locking
tab feature.

13. (Original) The medical device of claim 11, wherein

said second locking tab feature comprises a plurality of teeth on said second tab;
and

said plurality of teeth on said second tab are engagable with said second locking
base feature.

14. (Original) The medical device of claim 11, wherein

said second locking base feature comprises a locking opening in said base;

said second locking tab feature comprises a locking member extending from said
second tab; and

said locking member is engagable with said locking opening.

15. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 11, wherein said second tab comprises a second tube compression member, and when said second locking tab feature is engaged with said second locking base feature, said second tube compression member comes into contact with said tube.

16.-23. Canceled.

24. (Currently Amended) The medical device of claim 2, ~~further comprising a stem comprising~~

~~a tubular bottom portion insertable into the end of said tube, said tubular bottom portion comprising a cylindrical side wall, a top end and a bottom end; and~~

said stem further comprising a positioning member at the top end of said ~~tubular~~ bottom portion, said positioning member defining an opening coaxial with said ~~tubular~~ bottom portion;

wherein when said medical device is in use, ~~said tube is placed through an opening in said base, said tubular bottom portion of said stem is placed into the end of said tube, and~~ said positioning member rests against said base.

25. (Currently Amended) The medical device of claim 24, wherein said bottom portion of said stem comprises a tubular bottom portion comprising a cylindrical side wall,

the cylindrical side wall of said tubular bottom portion defines a retention window; and

when said first locking tab feature is engaged with said first locking base feature, said tube compression forces at least part of said tube into said retention window.

26. (Currently Amended) The medical device of claim 24, wherein said bottom portion of said stem comprises a tubular bottom portion comprising a cylindrical side wall and said cylindrical side wall has a mechanical surface thereon.
27. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 24, wherein
said base includes an alignment recess; and
when said medical device is in use, said positioning member rests within said alignment recess.
28. (Original) The medical device of claim 24, further comprising a feeding tube interface over said stem.
29. (Currently Amended) The medical device of claim 2, ~~further comprising a~~ wherein said stem is attached to said base, wherein when said medical device is in use, said tube is placed over said stem.
30. Canceled.
31. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 29, wherein said stem comprises:
a first cylindrical portion adjacent a position where said stem is attached to said base;
a second cylindrical portion adjacent said first cylindrical portion; and
a third cylindrical portion adjacent said second cylindrical portion;
wherein
said second cylindrical portion has a diameter greater than either of said first or third cylindrical portions.

32. (Original) The medical device of claim 31, wherein when said medical device is in use, said tube is placed over each of said first, second and third cylindrical portions.
33. (Original) The medical device of claim 29, wherein said stem further comprises a valve housing.
34. (Currently Amended) A medical device for retaining an end of a tube, wherein the medical device comprises:
- a base with an opening for receiving said tube, said base comprising a first locking base feature;
 - a stem comprising a bottom portion insertable into the end of said tube, wherein when said medical device is in an assembled configuration, said bottom portion of said stem is placed into the end of said tube, said tube is placed into said opening in said base, and said bottom portion of said stem projects into said opening in said base; and
 - a first tab movable with respect to said base for compressing the tube, said first tab comprising a first locking tab feature;
- wherein said first locking tab feature is engagable with said first locking base feature to hold the first tab in a fixed position with respect to the base.